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PROOFS OF LOYALTY TO CHRIST

★ John 21:12-19★

*Jackson,
Drove
Miss.*

*GOD
HIMSELF
CHURCH*

INT: Here Jesus was requesting Peter's total loyalty to: truth.
Prophecy: You will glorify God through your death. Did!
Lesson: Loyalty to Christ is expensive!! Takes your life
in LIVING and takes your life in DEATH. *II Tim. 4:6-8.*

I. A MAN WITHOUT RELIGION IS LIKE A BODY WITHOUT A SOUL. DEAD!

- A. George Washington's Farwell Address: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, RELIGION and MORALITY are indispensable supports." *Repeats*
- B. C. H. TOY: "As far as our present knowledge goes, RELIGION appears to be universal among men. There is no community of which we can say with certainty that it is without religion." (Edwards, p. 553)
- C. HOWELLS: "The religion of Christ reaches and changes the heart, which no other religion does." (P. 553)
- D. ROBERTSON: "Love God, and He will dwell with you. Obey God, and He will reveal to you the truths of His deepest teachings." Matt. 5:6. HUNGER-THIRST. (P. 553)

II. RELIGION DEFINED.

- A. Latin: RILIGO: To bind to God. (Connect, unite, cohere.)
- B. Man's spiritual-nature craves a satisfying relationship with God, his Father, Maker and Creator.
Ps. 42:1-2. Ps. 63:1-5.*

III. MAN IS BOUND TO GOD ONLY THROUGH, HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.

Name any other way. / / /
I John 2:1-2. John 14:6. John 16:23. *My name.*

- A. God sent Jesus to help us pass from death unto life in a difficult world. Matt. 1:23. II Cor. 5:17-21.*

CONCLUSION: Loyalty to Christ is loyalty to God, His Father; and WITHOUT this loyalty no man, woman, young man, young woman or girl or boy can be saved. (repeat)

*EVER!
EVER!
EVER!*

TO CHRIST

IV. PROOFS OF LOYALTY/ARE EASY TO TEST INDEED.

John 13:35. 14:15. 15:14. ~~Matt. 12:50. Vs. 30.~~

LOVE KEEP FRIENDS

A. Most tangible scale is found in Matt. 16:24-27

(all)

IF - No compulsion, no force. A choice. Per. decis

ANY - No partiality. Mk. 16:15-16. Acts 17:30.

MAN - Generic: meaning all living souls.

WILL - Voluntary decision of the heart. Matter just between you and Jesus.

COME - Not pushed, shoved, Compelled by Jesus' love for you. John 15:13.

ME - Exclusive savior. None else. Acts 4:12. J6:68

DENY - Withhold from self. Repudiate selfishness, Refuse temptation to be "like everybody else" Restrain from fleshly lusts of popularity, acceptability and respectability at the price of worldly COMPROMISE.

CROSS - Duties, obligations and responsibilities. II Cor. 5:17. All new. All right. I Thess. 5:21-23. The acid test. *

FOLLOW - I Cor. 11:1. Infallible way!!!!

Think as Jesus thinks. Phil. 2:5.

Speak as Jesus spoke.. Matt. 12:37.

Go only where Jesus WOULD go with you.

Do only those things which you could do in the relaxed atmosphere of the presence of Jesus-in person.

Ill. Cussing in ser. station, Charleston Miss. Apologize to God. He's the one who said don't do it.

INV: COMFORTING CONCLUSION: You CAN be loyal to Jesus if WANT to

mk. 16:15/16 Ill. Rudy Cantu: Came to Jesus. Lost mother's favor and finances. Dropped out of college. In Navy.

Ill. Tennessee girl: 38 miles W. of Nashville.

acts 2:38

"When leave our Denom. leave this house. Peace Did. Found Truth. Jesus, preacher's home.

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